



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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E-Pulse: Newsletter of St. Mark, Ocean Park December 18th, 2022

Prayer Corner for December 18, 2022

The Fourth Sunday of Advent: We light the candles of
HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:1-7 and 13

We Praise you, O God Our Father. You are the source of LOVE for you ARE LOVE.

Jesus, you are the vine and we are the branches. Without you we cannot truly LOVE, but with you living in our hearts, minds, bodies and souls through your gift of The Holy Spirit we can!

This week, let us take time to meditate on the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth regarding LOVE. Let us examine ourselves, inviting The Holy Spirit to show us how we can grow in love. When we – as individuals and as a community - hear from The Spirit, let us take action. May this be our Christmas gift to Christ.

Parish Life Notices

Holly Berry Fair – Linda O'Donovan writes: "This event could not happen without the over 40 volunteers from Ladies Guild, ACW, Men's Club and many other members of the congregation. Thanks to all of the customers who came to shop and have lunch. As the Convenor, I can say it was a joy to co-ordinate this event. Thank you so much TO ALL THOSE who so willingly accepted the invitation to help. It was a true team effort!"

Shortbread and Mincemeat Tarts - Next Sunday, December 18, the 10am service will be one of Lessons & Carols. This is a great time to invite other family and friends. The fellowship time following will feature mincemeat tarts and shortbread. Any contributions of baking will be gratefully received in the kitchen prior to the service.

Please remember that St. Mark's is a scent free zone

A number of our parishioners are adversely affected by perfumes and product scents. Please refrain from using such products before coming to church services, or other events, so that everyone is able to enjoy the gathering without having to leave because of allergic reactions or asthma problems.

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children - is provided this week by Pat Aiken & Janet Scott to the Glory of God and in memory of Wendy Aiken.

The Flowers For The Altar - are given this week by Brenda Horner & Ron Henze to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their fathers, Geoff Horner & Kurt Henze, and other beloved family members who are singing carols with the angels.

Ministry Report Deadline for the 2022 Annual Report

To date, two Ministries Leaders have kindly submitted their 2022 Reports. Thank you! Please submit your 2022 Ministry Report to: office@stmarkbc.org by the deadline:

Monday, January 9, 2023

Readings for Sunday, December 24

Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-20

Readings for Sunday, December 25

Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-4, John 1:1-14

SAVVY Seniors Get Together with chat, and a variety of games that include cribbage, scrabble, bridge and rummicube. in the Parish Hall. The next gathering is **Wed. January 4** from 1pm-3:30pm. Contact: Sue Indridson, email: sinder@shaw.ca or phone 604-531-4931

St. Mark's Youth Group welcomes youth ages 10 to 16 Friday evenings here from 7-9pm. Come for fellowship, activities, and connection. St Mark's Youth Group now has an Instagram page! You can find us under "St Mark's Youth Group". We will post updates on events and activities here as well as on the Church calendar and FaceBook. Please connect with Sarah at: yministryrsvp@gmail.com if you want to join us. St Mark's Youth Ministry welcomes all who are interested in the Safe Adult program to assist with our youth ministry. Please contact Sarah at yministryrsvp@gmail.com for more info.

Sunday School Coordinator – St. Mark's is actively seeking someone to coordinate our Ministry to Children (Sunday School) beginning in early January. If you, or someone you know would be interested in this part time position, please speak with our Priest-In-Charge, Stephen Laskey.

Sunday Intercessions – Do you want to be included in the Sunday Intercessions? If so, please contact the Office at 604.535.8841 OR contact Michael Klaver at Tel: 778.386.1973 Email: klaverfamily@shaw.ca

Prayer Chain – The Coordinator for the prayer chain is Lynne Hurd at lynneh1@telus.net or you may phone at 604.542.2772.

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children provides funding for lunches to 8 single mothers and 13 children. Please help support these families by choosing a 2022 date (see chart below) to support these families and have a dedication in the weekly Pulse. The suggested donation of \$70 can be made by e-transfer, the Donation Station, or by dropping off a cheque in the mailbox at the church office. email or phone Darlene W. or Barb G. with your dedication.

December 25	Joy Prior Don Boyd and Patti Thorne
January 1	

Thank You for your Donations to our Sunday Flowers

If you would like to have flowers on the Altar, please see the chart below. The Altar Guild is willing to purchase the flowers and have them arranged. Please contact Kathryn Smith: 604-560-1455 or e-mail hkmasmith@shaw.ca

December 25	Doris MacKellar
January 1	

How To Reach Reverend Stephen Laskey - Please use the following email address to contact Reverend Laskey: PinCStephenLaskey@outlook.com Also, you can call him at the Church Office (604.535.8841).

If your call goes to voicemail, leave a message and your telephone number for Reverend Laskey.

He will check voicemail messages and will return your call.

St Mark's Family, Youth and Children's Time

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